



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

March 11, 2002

In re application of : Payton, Kevin L.
Serial No. : 09/833,898
Filed : April 12, 2001
For : **SKELETAL TRANSMUCOSAL
ORTHODONTIC PLATE AND METHOD**
Examiner : Wilson, John J.
Art Unit : 3732
Our File No. : 10283.3801

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the nonfinal Examiner's Action mailed October 10, 2001 (Paper No. 4), Applicant submits this Amendment and requests an extension of time to respond, until March 10, 2002. The Applicant's fee for the two- month extension of time is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 1-5 and 7 as follows:

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1. An orthodontic system for use as a bone anchor in conjunction with orthodontic appliances to treat malalignment of teeth, said system comprising:
a small, thin body having a base and a bendable elongated central member having a far end;